

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a display screen;

posture detecting means for detecting an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

means for setting a first mode in which all of a plurality of separate images configured to be displayed on the display screen are to be rotated, a second mode in which a selected image of the plurality of separate images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the plurality of separate images are to be rotated;

means for selecting the selected image when the second mode is set; and

displaying direction control means for displaying the plurality of separate images on said display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of the selected image by rotating the selected image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the posture detecting means and not rotating at least one of the other of the plurality of images,

said displaying direction control means controls the direction of display of said selected image by rotating said selected image when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the posture detecting means remains unchanged for a predetermined time after the posture detecting means detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said displaying direction control means displays a plurality of windows as the plurality of images, and controls the direction of display of a selected window from the plurality of windows according to the rotation of the display screen.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a display screen;

posture detecting means for detecting an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

means for setting a first mode in which all of separate images configured to be displayed on the display screen are to be rotated, a second mode in which an image of the separate images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the separate images are to be rotated;

means for selecting the image when the second mode is set; and

displaying direction control means for displaying the separate images on said display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of the image by rotating said image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the posture detecting means and not rotating at least one of the other images, wherein

said displaying direction control means controls the direction of display of said image by rotating said image according to the change of posture of the display screen beyond a predetermined range when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the posture detecting means remains unchanged for a predetermined time

after the posture detecting means detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

said displaying direction control means controls the direction of display of said image by rotating said image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said displaying direction control means controls the direction of display of said selected image by rotating said selected image according to the rotation of the display screen beyond a predetermined range.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

said displaying direction control means controls the direction of display of said selected image by rotating said selected image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:

a display processing step of displaying a plurality of separate images on a display screen;

a detection processing step of detecting an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

a mode setting step of setting a first mode in which all of the plurality of separate images are to be rotated, a second mode in which a selected image of the plurality of separate images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the plurality of separate images are to be rotated;

a selection processing step of selecting the selected image when the second mode is set; and

a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of the selected image by rotating the selected image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step and not rotating at least one of the other of the plurality of images,

said displaying direction control processing step further controlling the direction of display of the selected image when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step remains unchanged for a predetermined time after the detection processing detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 7, wherein

said display processing step displays a plurality of windows as the plurality of images, and controls the direction of display of a selected window from the plurality of windows according to the rotation of the display screen.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:

a display processing step of displaying separate images on a display screen;

a detection processing step of detecting an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

a mode setting step of setting a first mode in which all of the separate images are to be rotated, a second mode in which an image of the separate images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the separate images are to be rotated;

a selection processing step of selecting the image when the second mode is set; and

a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of the image by rotating said image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step and not rotating at least one of the other images wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said image according to the change of posture of the display screen beyond a predetermined range when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step remains unchanged for a predetermined time after the detection processing detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 9, wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 7, wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said selected image according to the rotation of the display screen beyond a predetermined range.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 11, wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said selected image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A medium for storing a program which causes an information processing apparatus to execute a processing, the processing comprising:

a display processing step of displaying a plurality of separate images on a display screen;

a detection processing step of detecting an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

a mode setting step of setting a first mode in which all of the plurality of separate images are to be rotated, a second mode in which a selected image of the plurality of separate

images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the plurality of separate images are to be rotated;

a selection processing step of selecting the selected image when the second mode is set; and

a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of the selected image by rotating said selected image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step and not rotating at least one of the other of the plurality of images,

said displaying direction control processing step further controlling the direction of display of the selected image when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step remains unchanged for a predetermined time after the detection processing detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A medium for storing a program which causes an information processing apparatus to execute a processing, the processing comprising:

a display processing step of displaying separate images on a display screen;

a detection processing step of detecting an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

a mode setting step of setting a first mode in which all the separate images are to be rotated, a second mode in which an image of the separate images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the separate images are to be rotated;

a selection processing step of selecting the image when the second mode is selected;
and

a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of the image by rotating said image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step and not rotating at least one of the other images wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said image according to the change of posture of the display screen beyond a predetermined range when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the detection processing step remains unchanged for a predetermined time after the detection processing detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The medium for storing the program according to claim 14, wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The medium for storing the program according to claim 13, wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said selected image according to the rotation of the display screen beyond a predetermined range.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The medium for storing the program according to claim 16, wherein

said displaying direction control processing step rotates said selected image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.

Claims 18-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a display screen;

a sensor configured to detect an angular component of a change of posture of the display screen;

a mode setting unit configured to set a first mode in which all of a plurality of separate images configured to be displayed on the display screen are to be rotated, a second mode in which a selected image of the plurality of separate images is to be rotated, and a third mode in which none of the plurality of separate images are to be rotated;

a selecting unit configured to select the selected image when the second mode is set;
and

a display direction control unit configured to display the plurality of separate images on said display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of the selected image by rotating the selected image according to the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the sensor and not rotating at least one of the other of the plurality of images,

said display direction control unit further configured to control the direction of display of said selected image by rotating said selected image when the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen detected by the sensor remains unchanged for a predetermined time after the sensor detects the angular component of the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said display direction control unit is further configured to display a plurality of windows as the plurality of images, and control the direction of display of a selected window from the plurality of windows according to the change of posture of the display screen.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said display direction control unit is further configured to control the direction of display of said selected image by rotating said selected image according to the rotation of the display screen beyond a predetermined range.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said display direction control unit is further configured to control the direction of display of said selected image by rotating said selected image when the display screen remains rotated beyond the predetermined range after a predetermined time.